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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

### 1. PORTUGAL

#### A. AZEVEDO MAY SEEK DEAL WITH MAJOR PARTIES

EMBASSY LISBON REPORTS THAT PRIME MINISTER AZEVEDO MAY BE TRYING TO WORK OUT A DEAL WITH THE SOCIALISTS AND THE PPD TO PARTICIPATE IN HIS GOVERNMENT:

--HE MET SEPTEMBER 1 WITH THE PS, THE PCP AND THE PPD AND COMMENTED ON TELEVISION THAT THE PARTIES SHOULD NOT PLACE TOO GREAT SIGNIFICANCE ON THE ARMED FORCES CHIEF OF STAFF.

--THE SEPTEMBER 1 PRESS INDICATES GONCALVES' SWEARING IN MAY BE POSTPONED.

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EMBASSY COMMENT: WITH THE AIR FORCE CHIEF OF STAFF NOW ANTI-GONCALVES, CONTINUED RESISTANCE TO GONCALVES IN THE NORTH, IN THE AZORES AND MADEIRA, AND AZEVEDO'S RENEWED APPROACH TO THE SOCIALISTS AFTER SATURDAY'S STRONG REBUFF,

THINGS SEEM TO BE FITTING INTO THE NINE'S POLITICAL STRATEGY. TOO OFTEN, HOWEVER, WHEN THINGS WERE GOING THE ANTI-

COMMUNISTS' WAY, GONCALVES AND COMPANY HAVE PULLED ANOTHER FAST DEAL. GONCALVES STILL HAS THE APPOINTMENT IN HAND AND IT WILL BE HARD TO KEEP THAT HAND OFF THE BIBLE. (CONFIDENTIAL) LISBON 5063, 9/1.)

#### B. WAYS TO REINFORCE DEMARCHES ON NATO SECRETS

AMBASSADOR CARLUCCI SUGGESTS THAT NOW MAY BE THE TIME TO COMPLETELY CUT OFF PORTUGUESE ACCESS TO ALL NATO CLASSIFIED INFORMATION.

--GONCALVES' NEW POSITION ROBS COSTA GOMES OF ALL OF HIS FORMER RATIONALE THAT PORTUGAL COULD BE TRUSTED BECAUSE NATO SECRETS WERE KEPT "STRICTLY IN RELIABLE (SIC) MILITARY HANDS."

--THE PRO-NATO "NINE" WOULD WELCOME SOME SUCH ANTI-GONCALVES SIGNAL FROM NATO.

--IT ALSO WOULD BE A WELL DESERVED REBUKE TO COSTA GOMES.

CONCURRENTLY, USNATO REPORTS DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL PANSA CALLED A RESTRICTED MEETING SEPTEMBER 1 TO DISCUSS LIMITING PORTUGUESE ACCESS TO NATO MATERIALS CLASSIFIED SECRET OR HIGHER. THE MISSION COMMENTS:

--THE MEASURES BEING CONSIDERED FALL FAR SHORT OF THOSE RECOMMENDED BY EMBASSY LISBON.

--BUT, THEY WOULD RETAIN PORTUGAL WITHIN THE SHELTER OF NATO AND COULD BE EXPLAINED AS DESIGNED TO PRESERVE PORTUGAL'S MEMBERSHIP. (SECRET) LISBON 4602 (EXDIS) AND (SECRET) LISBON 4603 (EXDIS), 9/1.)  
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#### 2. SOVIET GRAIN SHORTFALLS WILL REQUIRE FURTHER PURCHASES

ALTHOUGH THE FULL EFFECTS WILL NOT BE FELT UNTIL NEXT SPRING, EMBASSY MOSCOW PREDICTS THAT THE ANTICIPATED LARGE SHORTFALL IN THE SOVIET GRAIN HARVEST WILL PRODUCE CONTINUED SHOPPING IN THE INTERNATIONAL GRAIN MARKETS. THE SHORTFALL, WHICH MAY PROVE EMBARRASSING TO BREZHNEV:

--WILL REQUIRE SOME DOMESTIC BELT-TIGHTENING;

--MAY RESULT IN SCAPEGOAT-SEEKING AMONG HIGH OFFICIALS, BUT IT WILL NOT REACH TO BREZHNEV, KOSYGIN, OR OTHERS "AT THE PINNACLE."

THE LARGE PURCHASES WILL STRAIN RUSSIA'S GOLD AND FOREIGN CURRENCY RESERVES AND SHOULD REDUCE SOVIET BARGAINING POWER IN ECONOMIC NEGOTIATIONS WITH WESTERN MARKET COUNTRIES.

--IT IS UNLIKELY, HOWEVER, THAT THE RESOURCE SQUEEZE WILL RESULT IN SOVIET CONCESSIONS IN SUCH CRITICAL NEGOTIATIONS AS SALT. (CONFIDENTIAL) MOSCOW 12386, 8/29.)

3. ANGOLA: MPLA AND UNITA REPS IN LISBON AGREE TO CEASE-FIRE

DESPITE RECENT INDICATIONS THAT UNITA WAS PLANNING AN ATTACK ON MPLA TROOPS, REPRESENTATIVES OF BOTH GROUPS IN LISBON HAVE AGREED TO A CEASEFIRE. THE AGREEMENT IS SUBJECT TO RATIFICATION BY THE MOVEMENTS' LEADERSHIP IN ANGOLA.

CONSULATE GENERAL LUANDA REPORTS THAT PRESS STORIES OF AN INVASION IN THE SOUTH BY WHITE MERCENARIES ARE STILL UNCONFIRMED. PORTUGUESE AIR FORCE OVERFLIGHTS OF THE REGION HAVE FOUND NO EVIDENCE OF THE PRESENCE OF FOREIGN TROOPS. (CONFIDENTIAL) LISBON 5060 AND (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) LUANDA 1291, 9/1.)

4. MOZAMBIQUE: AMERICAN MISSIONARIES ARRESTED

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CONSULATE GENERAL LORENCO MARQUES REPORTS THAT MOZAMBIQUE'S SECURITY FORCES, MOTIVATED BY THE GPRM'S "OBSESSIVE FEAR OF SUBVERSION BY FOREIGN AGENTS," RECENTLY HAVE ARRESTED A LARGE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS, INCLUDING TWO AMERICAN MISSIONARIES. THE MISSIONARIES HAVE BEEN JAILED BUT NOT MISTREATED. THE CONSULATE:

--HAS RECEIVED A REPORT THAT ALL AMERICAN MISSIONARIES IN THE COUNTRY WILL BE ARRESTED;

--IS UNABLE TO ASSIST THE DETAINEES BECAUSE OF ITS LACK OF OFFICIAL STATUS;

--URGES THAT US HEADQUARTERS OF MISSIONARY GROUPS ESTABLISHED IN MOZAMBIQUE BE ADVISED TO WITHDRAW THEIR PERSONNEL AND DEPENDENTS FROM THE COUNTRY. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) LOURENCO MARQUES 951 AND (UNCLASSIFIED) LOURENCO MARQUES 947, 9/1.) ROBINSON

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